



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held October 16, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation to authorize settlement of the matter entitled Thomas M. Smith, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 355 204, in the amount of \$225,000 and forgiveness of \$91,500 in child support debts; and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Children and Family Services' budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Children and Family Services failed to notify a parent of his daughter's dependency status.

Raymond G. Fortner, Jr., County Counsel, responded to questions posed by the Board. Patricia Ploehn, Director of Children and Family Services, and Lisa Garrett, Chief Deputy Director of Child Support Services, also responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent) the Los Angeles County Claim Board's attached recommendation was adopted.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor  
Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Chair, Los Angeles County Claims Board